(d) if so, what action has been taken/ being taken by Government thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, DDA has reported that a representation was received by them from an allottee, who is 70 years old, for waiver of penalty for delay in payment of instalments of a DDA flat allotted to him on hire purchase basis. The allottee had defaulted in 118 monthly instalments against total 120 equated monthly instalments on account of which penalty to the extent of Rs. 4,79,143/- is payable by him as per original terms and conditions of allotment.

(c) and (d) DDA has already announced a scheme namely DDA Ambesty Scheme 1998 extended upto 31.03.1999 where in Relief in Penalty to the extent of 75% is being given on delayed payment of instalments to all the allottees of DDA flats on Hire Purchase basis. Since the relief now admissible is highest ever announced by the DDA, there is no proposal under consideration to grant any further relief on this account.

MRTS Project

1377. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "MRTs project likely to hang fire", as reported in the Statement, dated 13th February, 1999;

(b) if so, whether a dispute between Ministry of Railway and Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has arisen and the MRTS project may be put in ice;

(c) whether his Ministry has since taken any step to resolve the dispute and to implement the MRTS project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961 provide that Planning & Coordination of urban transport systems will be with the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment, subject to technical planning of rail based systems being with the Ministry of Railways. Hence, the technical planning for Delhi MRTS project, is to be finalised by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. in consultation with the Ministry of Railways. There is no dispute between the Ministry of Railways and the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. Reference on various technical planning issues have been made by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. to the Ministry of Railways which are under scrutiny/discussion.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Alarming Rise in Delhi Population

1378. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the population of Delhi is rising alarmingly putting heavy pressure on the city's overburdened resources; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to implement the National Capital Region and to set up self-reliant Satellite towns on the outskirts of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to reduce the population pressures on Delhi and to achieve a balanced & harmonised development of the entire Region, the NCR Planning Board has drawn up a 'Regional Plan for NCR'. The policies therein envisage the development of integrated townships in the region outside Delhi, equipped with adequate local urban infrastructure of water, shelter & sanitation, social infrastructure of schools, hospitals & sports complexes, economic infrastructure of industry, trade & commerce and core regional infrastructure network of transport, telecommunications & power.